

King Dashrata needs an heir,
Sacrifices were made for a child; the god discuss this in midair.
Lord Vishnu comes to Earth as Dashrata's son,
To defeat demon Ravana, a real bad 'un.
The council of gods help humans to their best,
Because the humans never give them any rest.

Promise was made, one to Queen Kaikeyi to make her son Bharata king,
To Rama fourteen years of exile did the promise bring.
The promise was in the king's word,
Following his Dharma, Rama obeyed his father, however absurd.
Rama's wife Sita and brother Lakshmana follow Rama,
Because following Rama is their dharma.
To a forest they go,
They settle in a small cottage in a meadow.

Bharata returns to make Rama king after Dashrata died,
Since the 14 years from the promise is not up, Rama denied.
Bharata makes his own promise,
To rule in Rama's place with thoughtfulness.
Lady Demon Surpanakha tries to claim Rama by harming his wife,
But Lakshmana cuts her ears and nose off; and Surpanakha runs away into the wildlife.

Ravana, Surpanakha's brother, kidnaps Sita for revenge,
And kills Jatayu, standing in his way, crushing him like a lozenge.
Rama needs the help of monkey king Hanuman,
Who's monkey army was larger than that of any man.
Hanuman now serves Rama, treating Rama as his lord,
And now Rama is a commander; a warlord.
Hanuman and the monkeys now search,
For the Lord's wife, Sita, who is right now beyond reach.

Hanuman runs off and Sita was found,
Rama and his followers ran to the site with a single bound.
A huge war was fought for Sita's regain,
At the end, Kumbhakarna, Indrajit, and Ravana were slain.
Sita is still loyal to Rama, and Rama only,
And so 14 years are up, and Rama becomes a ruler very ably.

Beliefs portrayed:

Dharma - Following one's path.

Samsara - Cycle of birth, death, and rebirth (Gods become reborn)

Multiple Gods - There is more than one god.

